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In Re Patent Application of :
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Appln. No.: 10/081,087 : Examiner: Dah Wei Yuan
Filing Date: February 22, 2002 : Attorney Docket No.: 10059-406US
Title: POSITIVE ELECTRODE ACTIVE MATERIAL FOR ALKALINE STORAGE
BATTERY, POSITIVE ELECTRODE USING THE SAME AND METHOD OF
PRODUCING THE SAME

AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2003 (Paper No. 3). This response is being timely submitted by December 30, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows: